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Subject: MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT

Dear Sir:

I keep reading about all these lawsuits against Microsoft.

It appears to me that we have reached the stage in this country that we punish success. We seem to be doing all in our power to promote mediocrity. If AOL or anyone else has a problem with the way Microsoft operates, let them develop a better system. Thus the market place will automatically trend to the better system. This is what has happened with Microsoft. They have single handily opened up the world of computers to the lay person (and there are so many of us).

With all the mergers that the government has allowed, it appears almost on the trend of hypocrisy to keep attacking Microsoft. What other companies' R&Ds could not accomplish, they are requesting the courts to do for them. We are a capitalistic country and thus the most wealthy country in the world. Let us not squash our aggressiveness and the desire to excel and succeed, which is what has made us great!

With all these lawsuits, Microsoft has had to spend millions of dollars defending itself rather than spending these millions on furthering their R&D. What may we all have lost?

In addition, how many millions has the government spent to prosecute Microsoft. These monies would have been better spent fighting drug trafficking, etc.

Don't we have anything better to do than to attack one of this world's most creative company?

I humbly submit the above for your consideration.

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